

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY		

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- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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6. With regards to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04L12/28 H04L12/26

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	at least 1, 2, 9, 10	US6502125 B1 (KENNER) system for optimised storage and retrieval of data on a distributed network, a service provider selects the most suitable delivery site, see whole document especially claim 1, column 9 line 57 et seq
X	at least 1, 2, 9, 10	US2003/0145007 A1 (KENNER) system for optimised storage and retrieval of data on a distributed computer network, optimum sites are selected for data download, see claim 1, paragraphs 007, 0018, 0025-0029, 0031, 0034, 0036, 0037, 0075-0085

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